## TERRIFIC CYCLONE SWEEPS THROUGH STATES OF OHIO AND MISSISSIPPI VALLEYS

Over One Hundred Are Killed and WILLIAM M'COMBS Nearly Three Million Dollars In Property Destroyed In Disastrous Storm

## ALABAMA CITIES SUSTAIN A HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE Issues Statement Formally

Lower Peachtree Practically Wiped Out of Existence, While Thirty Are Reported Killed-Twenty-Seven Killed in Thomasville-Cyclone Sweeps Through Mississippi Valley to Great Lakes, Leaving Death and Disaster in Its Wake.

More than one hundred persons are reported killed and hundreds were injured, some mortally, by a storm of tornado intensity which raged over central western, southern and parts of eastern states yesterday. Property damage will run well into the millions.

Definite advices have been received accounting for at ment an least seventy persons dead with reports from points tempor- ment was as follows: prily cut off from wire communication by the storm, adding dent my final decision as to the very hourly to the list.

Reports from Alabama show the loss of life was heaviest in that state, the number of dead there being already definitely placed at 27 with additional fatalities reported but not confirmed. Lower Peach Tree was practically wiped out. Two are dead in Indiana, three in Tennessee, two in Ohio, two in New York, one in Michigan, two in Louisiana, five in Indiana, three in Tennessee, two in Ohio, two in New York, one in Michigan, two in Louisiana, five in Indiana, three in Tennessee, two in Ohio, two in Louisiana, five in Indiana, three in Tennessee, two in Ohio, two in Louisiana, five in Indiana, three in Tennessee, two in Ohio, two in Louisiana, five in Indiana, three in Tennessee, two in Ohio, two in Louisiana, five in Indiana, three in Tennessee, two in Ohio, two in Louisiana, five in Indiana, three in Tennessee, two in Ohio, two in Louisiana, five in Indiana, three in Tennessee, two in Ohio, two in Louisiana, five in Indiana, three in Tennessee, two in Ohio, two in Louisiana, five in Indiana, three in Tennessee, two in Ohio, two in Louisiana, five in Indiana, three in Tennessee, two in Ohio, two in Louisiana, five in Indiana, three in Tennessee, two in Indiana in the cyclone many white families of that community are tonight homeless as well as even more negre families. The suffering is intense as according to reports hardly shelter remains in the village to protect the women and children of both races from the ambassadorship to France, with assurances of my profound appreciation. No public position within his gift could be more attractive to me personally. In view of its very great dignity and importance, I have naturally weighed the matter with much care. "After reconsidering the tendering me the ambassadorship to France, with assurances of my profound appreciation. No public position within his gift could hassurances of my profound appreciation. No public position within his saturative to me personally. In view of its very great dignity and importance, I have ambassadorship to France, with assurances of my prof lichigan, two in Louisiana, five in tity of supplies to the stricken district

Mississippi and one in Texas.

Accompanying the death lists are estimates of the injured totalling more than 200 with additions coming in at heigh intervals.

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Coming up out of the southwest, early Friday morning, just as spring was ushered in, the storm swept with startling suddenness diagonally across the country from northern Texas to western Pennsylvania and New York.

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## LOWER PEACHTREE

ALMOST DESTROYED

Selma, March 21.—(Special.)—Lower

Pachtree, a thriving community of
bout 400 inhabitants on the Alabama
fiver in Wilcox county, about 75 miles
outh of Selma, was practically wiped
out of existence by a cyclone which
touched there Friday afternoon 18
whites and 12 negroes are known to
be dead. Between 20 and 30 white and
negro residents of the village are missing and are believed to be dead.

Practically every family in the village had some member injured and
death will result in a number of cases
from the injuries which the victums
of the winds are suffering. On account
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of the isloated location of Lower
Peachtree details of the damage resulting from the cyclone which visited
there early Friday morning are
meagre. The little village was only
connected with the outside world by
telephone and the wild winds of the
morning destroyed communication with
the world.

Because of swollen creeks and the
backwaters of the Alabama river in
that section of the state, the stricken
village is hard to reach and the reports which have been received in
that action of the loss of life and damage to
property which resulted from the cyclone.

THIRTY REPORTED

Mountain Creek, March 21.—(Special.)—
The storm which passed over this section yesterday and last night was the cause of considerable damage, though not so sericus as to occasion much delay to

TO BE DEAD far as was obtainable from re reports in Selma today the

crops.

In the vicinity of Stump Hill much valuable timber was damaged; two houses were blown down, one belonging to Tom Brooks and the other to Mr. McCrowley. A wagon bed was blown two miles over into Shelby county.

Mr. William Byars was hit by a falling tree and sustained two broken ribs.

A negro farm worker was killed near Sawyers. The damage to property at Stump Hill is estimated at \$2500. partial list of the white dead following the cyclone is as follows:

Miss Mary Watson of Selma, school and music teacher; Mr. and Mrs. Clark, G. E. Williamson and three members of his family, four members of the Bables family, Mrs. L. D. Bryant and two daughters, as well as several members of the Copper family. With 18 whites and 12 negroes known to be dead and with not less than 30 residents of the village missing, the fatality list following the cyclone at Lower Peachtree Friday morning will brooks and the other to A wagon bed was blow into Shelby county. Mr. William Byars was tree and sustained two A negro farm worker Sawyers. The damage Stump Hill is estimated MANY BUILDINGS RAZED AT HEFLI Heflin, March 21—(Sp. 1960) and the other to A wagon bed was blow into Shelby county. Peachtree Friday morning will o'clock this morning a cyclone struck

## -DECLINES FRENCH **AMBASSADORSHIP**

Refusing Diplomatic Position

TO DEVOTE HIMSELF TO PRASE ICE OF LAW

That Eliot Will sh Ambassadorship. Desi > of Filling Position mmediately

March 21 - William F. Mc combs, chairman of the democratic national committee, tonight issued a stateecome ambassador to France. The state

"Today I communicated to the Presi

matter with much care.

"After reconsidering the tender the same motives as were in my mind before, have impelled me to decline. The acceptance of the post would involve greater sacrifices than I should make. I do not feel that I can afford to leave my life work—the practice of the law, I feel compelled to devote myself to my personal affairs and at the same time, I will lend any assistance in my power I will lend any assistance in my power that will contribute to the success of the democratic administration and the

democratic animistration and the democratic party."

Mr. McCombs has seen the President twice during the day and tonight was in conference with Secretary Tumulty at the executive offices until nearly midnight

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President Wilson is making an effort to fill the more important diplomatic posts

Joseph E. Willard of Virginia, Thoma

H. Birch of New Jersey, and Frederick C. Penfield of New York are also regarded as certain to be minister in the foreign

Baker and two children; Misses Ida, Irma and Johnnie Cooper; Mr. Portis Stabler, his wife and children and Mrs. Stabler's

the President's engagements. The President has arranged to meet all the Washington correspondents tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the east room of the White House to have, as the President puts it, "A heart to heart talk."

### TODAY'S AGE-HERALD

1-Terrific cyclone sweeps Mississippi and Ohio river valleys.

McCombs declines ambassadorship.

First statement regarding tubercular

cure. Relations between Austria and Montenegro acute. Used \$200 of state's money to buy

property.
Should take convicts out of mines.
Frank S. Elack dead.
Lacy's cook tells of his last visit 3-Tariff reforms not worrying manu-

facturers.
4 Editorial comment.
5 Paymaster killed by bandits.
Jones and Watson hanged.
Commissioners aroused by Stack resig Miller indorses Exum's idea

## NOTED STATESMAN DEAD



FRANK S. BLACK
Former governor of New York and prominent republican statesman who died at his home in Troy early this morning

## FORMER GOVERNOR FRANK S. BLACK DEAD

Well Known Republican Statesman Dies of Heart Disease In state's funds to pay on certain property Troy, New York-Prominent in Party Affairs for Many Years-Death Not Unexpected.

Troy, N. Y., March 21.—Former Gov.
Frank S. Black, long prominent in national republican politics, died at his home here this morning. Valyular disease of the heart, with which he had been afflicted for some time, was the

fill the more important diplomatic posts before the extra session of Congress begins, so that he may otherwise devote mitted to the bar. He served as a matthew of Congress from 1885 to 1897 has

passed away.

result of the curt reply of King Nicholas of a hunger strike. Her release was

## \$3000 WAS SPENT FOR REAL ESTATE

## TESTIMONY SHOWS NEED AMENDMENT OAKLEY USED \$3000 TO TAKE CONV OF STATE'S MONEY OUT OF MINES AND BUY PROPERTY PUT THEM ON ROADS

This Amount Paid on Note O'Neal Discusses Attitude for \$5000 Given to Braddock Town and Improvement Company

BANKERS TRACE DEPOSIT MADE IN MONTEVALLO BANK

Four Withdrawals From Exchange National Shown to Have Reached State Treasurer-Draft for \$6000 Also Deposited With Purifoy

though a number of other items have no yet been traced.

ashier of the Merchants and Planters bank of Montevallo, and W. H. Manly,

montevallo, for which Oakley had given a mortgage. Mr. Lyman took Dakley's acknowledgment in that transaction.

"Sometime ago," sta O'Neal, "Ned Brace wro Herald a line practical! "Were I Governor O'N

the principal feature of the investigation of the people, was the disclosure that four withdrawals from the Exchange National bank of many sections we. Montgomery in 1911 and 1912 had appar-ently never found their way to the state currence of conditio, treasurer. These withdrawals aggre-the days of reconstru Regarding Scutari

Hunger Strike

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stantine of Greece:

"Upon this sad occasion, on the death of your illustrious father, I extend heartfelf sympathy and I wish to express the earnest sympathy for you beneficiently in reigning and also prosperity, I extend the assurances of my highest regard and good wishes."

President Wilson received the following President Wilson and the interference with the government and people of the United States the Greek nation's, my family and my own sincerest thanks for your heartfelt sympathy in our most crushing grief."

Austrian steamer Skodra,

Austrian steame

King Nicholas, who believes his crown depends upon the capture of Scutari, will remain stubborn.

Fleet to Albanian Coast Austria has notified the powers that her fleet has gone to the Albanian coast because of the position of the Carholes, of whom Austria is the protector, and has sent back to Cettinje her minister, Baron De Glesel, who will impress on Montenegro the determination of Austria that Scutari's soller main Albanian mat the tolls of the law. February 5, she was negro the determination of Austria that Scutari's soller main Albanian and that Austria's other demands must be composed to the commitment from which she was in the tolls of the law. February 5, she was not served.

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# plied with. Servia, which realizes the fruitlessness of the continued slege of Scutari, is understood to acquiesce in this. In fact, all the allies, except Montenegro, which is preparing a general storming attack on Scutari, anxiously are awaiting an excuse to end the war. King Nicholas, however, is said to have declared; "Either I shall return to Cetting eithe conqueror of Scutari or not at all." Secretary, will be suspend MONTGOMERY CHIEF OF POLICE TO BE SUSPENDED Montgomery, March 21.—(Special.)— The testimony of several witnesses was to have declared; "Either I shall return to Cetting eithe conqueror of Scutari or not at all." Secretary, will be suspend McCail, his secretary, will be suspend McCail, his secretary, will be suspend-

Cettinge the conqueror of Scutari or not at all.'

A dispatch, to the Daily Telegraph from Nichals and Cettinge show that unrestrained savagery and barbarism in Albania continue and that the Montenegrins and Servians still perpetrate inhuman attroctics. In the village of Schasschare near Uskup. Scrylan soldiers have committeed men and boys having been sent away.

"Similar trimes have been committeed of Cettinge show that when were ordered before the police commissioner several days ago, following a difficulty which took place at headquarters on March 12."

Chief of Police W. H. Taylor and Dan McCall, his secretary, will be suspended for a period of the case before the board before and that the fight resulted from a dispute over a conflict or ordered session. This testimony showed that the fight resulted from a dispute over a conflict or ordered session of the city commission. Taylor will be off the force 30 days and MecCall will be suspended for a period of the other's action and called him into a conference which resulted in a feat-the other's action and called him into a conference which resulted in a feat-the other's action and called him into a conference which resulted in a feat-the other's action and called him into a conference which resulted in a feat-the other's action and called him into a conference which resulted in a feat-the other's action and called him into a conference which resulted in a feat-the other's action and called him into a conference which resulted in a feat-the other's action and called him into a conference which resulted in a feat-the other's action and called him into a conference which resulted in a feat-the other's action and called him into a conference which resulted in a feat-the other's action and called him into a conference which resulted in a feat-the other's action and called him into a conference which resulted in a feat-the other actions.

Toward Plan Long Urged by The Age-Herald as the Real Solution

PROCEEDS CAN NOW BE USED TO FURTHER GOOD ROADS PLANS

Captain Kolb Says He Has Long Favored Removal of Convicts From Mines-Jefferson Experiment Will Be Watched by the Entire State

ting them to work on the highways, de-

The interview with Governor was judged timely on account of the recently developed scandal in the ndministration of the state convict department.

stitutional amendment. cashler of the Birmingham Trust and lature an inclination to lay a predicate might be removed from the mines and put to the task of construcing a mag-16. 1912. Oakley had deposited in his bank nificent system of roads throughout the

administration to follow the present weeks later he had drawn out prove wise and economical, the finances would soon be in such condition that it innovation. Ther all that would be re-

> GOVERNOR CAN ONLY RECOMMEND ACTIO

grnor The Birmingham banker testified that the Braddock Town and Improvement company had sent for collection to the Birmingham Trust and Savings bank a note made by James G. Oakley for \$5000 and that his bank had collected from the Montevallo bank, in part payment on that note \$2000. the convicts out of the mines it would to the action arraited evident-

Sends Condolence to Constantine

President Wilson late in the day sunt the following message to King Contantine of Greece:

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Wind Constantine

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Resisted All the Time

"I resisted all the time," the letter continued. "My gums are always bleeding. I am afraid they may be saying we do not resist, yet my shoulders my houlder."

Hotal of \$39.825.74.

Witness was asked if he knew T. S. Basil Sendwych writes from Berlin that the creation of Jubilee titles is giving the kaiser severe headaches, bendered the plied that he did not.

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President Wilson was in his office early. He said he was entirely recovered of his slight indisposition of the last few days. Representative Underwood brought former Representative Nicholas Longworth of Ohio to pay his respects to the President.

Austria has already decided to send to feeding her forcibly by means of a tube.

Last Tuesday, a month after her commitment, Miss Pankhurst wrote a letter from the jail to her mother. She said that twice daily fire or six wardresses and two dectors pried open her mouth with a steel gag and pressed a tube into her stomach.

Russia, with which country Austria is reported to have reached a complete agreement, it is understood will urge Montenegro to show a more conciliatory spirit but the previous Russian efforts in this timed. "My gums are always bleeding.